

# SAFETY ON THE LINE

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## Work Zone Safety



In 1999 there were 868 people killed and 49,557 people injured in work zone crashes. Compared to 1998, work zone fatalities and injuries increased 12% and 31% respectively. Of the 868 people killed in work zones, 743 were in construction zones, 65 were in maintenance zones, 10 were in utility zones, and 50 were in an unknown type of work zone. During the eight years from 1992 through 1999, work zone deaths have ranged from 638 to 868 averaging 755 deaths per year. Below is the 1998 statistics.

Currently, State Road 3 from the KSC gate 2 to the barge canal bridge is being repaved creating a six mile **Work Zone**.

To minimize disruption, most of his work is taking place at night. However, there are times

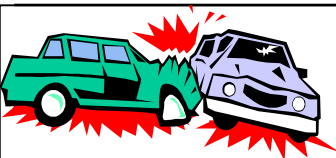
when work activities continue into the early morning hours or late in the afternoon. KSC employees are encouraged to slow down, observe traffic signs, and be aware of rapidly changing conditions in this work area. The estimated completion date is mid December.

*(For more information, call the Florida Department of Transportation at 690-3230)*

1998	Total	Vehicle Occupant	Pedestrians	Pedal-cyclist	Other non-motorist
Killed	772	658	101	10	3

Source: National Safety Council tabulations of data from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1999 Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and 1999 General Estimates Systems (GES).

(<http://www.nsc.org/psg/flagger.htm>)



### GSA Vehicle Accidents at KSC

Vehicle accidents involving GSA vehicles continue to be an area of concern for KSC. While there have been no serious injuries, these accidents cause property damage and the potential for major injuries. There were a total of

31 GSA vehicle accidents for fiscal year 2000, and over the last three months, 5 additional GSA vehicle accidents. Examples include:

- A truck whose driver failed to notice a truck on his left side and accidentally struck the vehicle.
- While backing out of a parking space, an employee scraped the rear passenger side of a GSA vehicle against an abandoned light pole.
- A driver lost control of a motor pool bus while driving in a rain shower and struck a railroad tie.

**Employees are encourage to slow down during inclement weather, observe traffic rules, and pay special attention while driving in parking lots.**



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